

MRS. JOHN FOX HOLDUP VICTIM SATURDAY EVE

Mrs. John Fox was the victim of a hold-up man, Saturday night, the robber relieving her of some \$40 in cash and about \$40 more in checks.

Mrs. Fox left her husband's office in the City Hall about 7:00 o'clock and started home. She was just about thirty feet from the entrance of the Fox residence at 526 Gladys, when a man who had followed along behind her, commanded her to put her hands up and be quick about it. She had not realized she was being followed until the thief ordered her to put her hands up. She did as ordered and the thief took her pocketbook, turned and hurried back towards town. Mrs. Fox had been collecting for the Woman's Benefit Association and had about \$80 in money and checks in her pocketbook.

She was unable to get a good look at the thief, who remained behind her during the short time it took to obtain her purse and then speedily disappeared into the darkness.

Later that evening, someone stole the Overland car belonging to Mr. Fox from in front of his home. The car was found Sunday, abandoned in New Madrid, a number of the parts having been stripped from it.

John Galeener also experienced the peculiar thrill that comes from being held up. Saturday night between 10:30 and 11:00, he was coming along by the grade school and passing by a hedge, felt something jabbed into his back and heard a gruff voice command him to raise his hands to the air. He did so, and after going thru all of his pockets, the thief commanded John to walk on. Fortunately, his pockets were empty and he was not the loser. When he had taken a few steps he turned and looked back. He describes the thief as a man of medium height, slender, wearing a dark suit, a cap pulled down over his eyes and a black cloth or mask about the lower part of his face.

CALL MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

A call meeting of members of the Chamber of Commerce has been issued for Tuesday night, February 8, at which time members of the Cairo Chamber of Commerce will meet with the Sikeston Club to go over the details of the bridge bond campaign which is to be conducted this week in Sikeston.

A committee has been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to handle this drive and it is principally to assist them that the Cairo men will be here.

An intensive campaign is under way in Cairo this week to raise the \$550,000 which Cairo is pledged to subscribe as bridge stock to insure the building of the highway bridge between Cairo and Birds Point across the Mississippi River.

This bridge stock is what is designated as 7 per cent Cumulative Preferred Stock, bearing interest of 7 per cent yearly. With each share is given one share of common stock possessing no par value and drawing no dividends until after the first mortgage and debenture bonds, but by the finance companies, are paid off. Then the common stock will begin paying dividends.

That the bridge is a sound financial investment is made certain by the character of the companies interested in it. The companies financing the bridge are two of the largest in the United States and have only gone into the proposition after first having had exhaustive checks made of the traffic which will cross the bridge. On the basis of the checks, it seems certain that the bridge will be a paying investment from the beginning and will increase in earning capacity each year.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Foster, 422 Harris Avenue, are the proud parents a girl baby, which arrived Saturday night. Mother and babe doing nicely, but the father is being carefully looked after.

Mrs. Jim Divinney sold 24 chickens this past week for \$36, the chickens bringing that sum as meat on the market. That there is excellent money in chickens as a meat product, as well as egg producers, is shown by this and a number of sales which have taken place at poultry centers nearby. A number of chickens, averaging nine pounds each, were sold at the Goodwin Poultry Company at Dexter last week.

INSANE MAN POSED HERE AS DOCTOR

Full of pathos is the story of Percy R. Deighton, escaped inmate of the State Asylum at Anna, Ill., who found his way into Sikeston Friday and registered at the Hotel Del Rey as Dr. P. R. Deighton of Kansas City.

Deighton had a prepossessing personality. He was neatly dressed, wearing a light tailored suit, brown overcoat and brown hat. His features were clean cut and he spoke in cultured accents.

Leaving the Hotel that evening, Deighton wandered about town and chanced to pass by the Methodist church, where choir practice was in progress. He entered the church and looked on. When the practice was concluded, he asked permission of Rev. Ensor to play the organ. It was granted and as he sat at the organ and brought forth the first magic notes, those who were present realized that they were listening to a master. He held them spell-bound while he brought forth the most melodious music imaginable.

So afterwards, it was only natural that Rev. Ensor should question the musician in a friendly way. Deighton seemed perfectly willing to talk about himself. He had been resident physician at the State Asylum at Anna, Ill., he said, and was now on his way back to his home in Kansas City, Mo., where he had served as organist at one of the churches. He had become separated in some manner from his baggage and was here in Sikeston without any money, he stated. The manner in which his story was told, the unreasonableness of his coming to Sikeston to return to Kansas City, and the way in which he stated he was separated from his baggage aroused Rev. Ensor's suspicion so, after having seen him safely to the hotel, Rev. Ensor and Rev. E. B. Hensley talked the situation over and decided to call to Anna to find out what they knew about the man.

They got in touch with Dr. Trouillon, Supt. of the asylum, who as soon as he heard the description of Deighton, told them that he had been an inmate and had escaped two weeks before. He told them that he was a very fine organist and always hunted out the churches when he escaped. He requested that they hold him in Sikeston for the asylum.

The next morning, Deighton left the hotel and went out in town, where he was found shortly before noon by Gid Daniels, who took him to the City Hall and confined him in jail. He made no attempt to resist and went along peacefully and quietly.

His conversation was rational and he spoke with a knowledge that seemed to bear out his claims to being a physician. He also spoke of having studied under the leading organs of this country and in Paris, France for a time. To Rev. Ensor, it was apparent that he had some knowledge of Kansas City for he spoke of a number of ministers of that place with whom Rev. Ensor is acquainted.

He said that he was 64 years of age, but his fine physical appearance, long greyed hair and general actions were such as to give the impression that he was much younger. He was English in nationality.

A request was received from the Anna authorities to take him to Cairo, and Sunday, Officers Gid Daniels and Bill Carson took him to that city where they surrendered him to the officials from the asylum.

When Deighton was first taken into custody, he was searched and two small medicine vials and a syringe were found in his clothes, which led the officers to believe that he was addicted to drugs. As he was in jail for over twenty-four hours with no possible chance of obtaining a drug of any nature and failed to show any sign of nervous disturbance, this theory was laid aside.

Harry Miller of Greenville, Miss., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert, Thursday.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matthews will be pleased to learn that they are not moving from Sikeston, but have merely rented their home and will board for the present.

Two white men appeared at the home of Mrs. J. B. Randol and told her they had been sent by the City to trim her trees and clean up the brush. They were not polite about the matter and frightened Mrs. Randol. Inquiry was made at the City Hall and City Clerk John Fox stated no such order was given and the City would like to find the names of the imposters.

Malone Theatre Wednesday Evening Only

PAUL CAREY AND HIS NEW YORK Recording Orchestra

Musical Artists of Nation Wide
Fame—Also

"Marriage License?"

A Woman's Love Story

With ALMA RUBENS, Walter Pidgeon, Walter McGrail, Richard Walling, Emily Fitzroy, Charles Lane, Langhorne Burton

Legend—The female Pelican will
pluck her own breast to feed her
young with her own blood.

The same star, Alma Rubens, and the same director, Frank Borzage, who made "Humoresque" one of the greatest screen successes, again combined their talents in the production of "Marriage License?" The result is the mightiest drama either this great actress or this noted director have ever been associated with.

News and Fox Comedy

"Babes in the Jungle"

Admission 25c and 50c

VALENTINE DANCE TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

The annual Valentine Dance given by J. Ernest Harper and C. L. Blanton, Jr., will be held in the Armory Hall Wednesday night with Paul Carey's New York Recording Orchestra furnishing the music. A number of novelties and special favors have been prepared for the evening's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. White spent Sunday in Dexter.

Cecil Reed, County Recorder, reports that the county records show 43,000 acres of land to have been sold at public auction in Scott County since July, 1920.

The Dye Hotel which was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, is rapidly being put in order for opening about the first of March. Except for the heavy rains, the hotel would have been completed ere this.

A. B. Dill is home from Carbonade, Ill., where he was called to the bedside of his wife, who was reported dangerously ill at the home of her son, John Dill, in that city. Mr. Dill reports his wife to be much improved which will be good news to her many friends in Sikeston.

J. P. Johnson, who is farming near Advance in Stoddard County, was a Standard visitor Monday morning. He reports two crops of timothy hay cut from his meadow the past season that yielded 3 1/4 tons per acre and sold for \$20 per ton. This is a remarkable yield and food for thought for farmers who have land suitable for timothy.

Remember the big sale of mules and farm implements of all kinds at the Ed Albright place just to the south of Sikeston which is on today beginning at 10:00 a. m. Joe Matthews says the stock and implements are in good condition and is looking for a monster crowd. Thursday of this week the C. C. Freeman mules and farm implements will be sold at the Houck farm, southeast of Sikeston, followed by the John Chaney sale next Tuesday, the 15th.

SHERIFF DYE IN CAR WRECK SATURDAY NIGHT

The Buick car belonging to Sheriff Everett Dye overturned Saturday night about two miles south of Benton on highway No. 60. Sheriff Dye, his wife, son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Potashnick, and Dale Dye were on their way to Sikeston. A car was coming from the south and the lights blinded Mr. Dye, who was driving, so that he failed to see a wagon in the road until he was almost on it. When he did see it, he threw on his brakes and the car swerved to the left, side-swiping the approaching car, causing the Dye machine to turn over on its side. With the exception of Dale, who had a severe cut on his hand requiring a number of stitches, none of the party was hurt other than a few scratches and bad bruises. The car received considerable damage, the glass being broken out and the body and chassis bent out of line.

MARKET REPORTS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

No. 2 red wheat	1.23
No. 3 yellow corn	.62
No. 3 white corn	.59
No. 3 mixed corn	.58
St. Louis hogs, receipts	14,500;
top, 12.60; Chicago hogs, receipts	44,000; top, 12.75.
Cotton	Open Close
March	13.75 13.78
May	13.98 13.99
July	14.17 14.21
October	14.40 14.41
December	14.51

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Albritton returned home Sunday from a visit in Marked Tree, Ark.

Most of those people from Sikeston who attended George White's Scandals at Cairo Sunday night, felt as cheated as they did when they drank their first glass of near beer. Following the afternoon performance, the censors got busy and that night a modified performance was given with the chorus girls dressed in cotton tights.

DIEHLSTADT TAKES THIRD PLACE IN TOURNAMENT

Diehlstadt high school won third place in the annual girls' basketball tournament conducted under the auspices of William Woods College at Fulton this past week-end, by defeating Bowling Green 34-27.

Elvins won the championship by winning from Crystal City 35-23. Crystal City was the winner last year, also winning the Sikeston Tournament later in the season. All three of these teams will be present at the Sikeston Tournament this year which is expected to exceed in interest and attendance that of last year. Crystal City and Elvins hotly contested for the championship last year and the rivalry between the two is even greater this year, the teams being virtually the same as they were then.

Misses Ford Bowman, Tylenie Kendall and Barbara Beck were hostesses Saturday night at a dinner party at the Japanese Tea Room to the following young ladies: Misses Janet Chilton, Dorothy Ward and Lorene Kersey of Caruthersville, Miss Mary Emma Baldwin of Kennett and Misses Virginia Freema and Louise Shields.

The sewer contractor, Mr. Rowan, informs The Standard that the sewer for the eastern half of Sikeston is now completed and ready for acceptance by the engineers and the city. The western section will probably not be completed before the first of June. As soon as the completed section is accepted by the city, permits will have to be had to tap the sewer, the same as now necessary to tap the water pipes.

L. W. Ables, street commissioner, requests that people, who have had their trees pruned and trimmed and who have piled the brush in the streets, please have the same removed that the graders may get to work upon them. The City took care of all limbs which were broken by the storm and fell into the streets, but feel that property owners should take care of those limbs which they have had pruned from the trees.

YOUNG'S SELL TO ARKANSAS CONCERN

The Sikeston Concrete Tile Manufacturing Lumber Company, better known as Young's Lumber Co., owned and operated by John and Harry Young, was sold last week to the Leslie Lumber and Supply Co., of Arkansas. This concern operates lumber yards in six Arkansas and in four Missouri towns. Possession will be given the first of March, the transaction including the entire stock, both buildings and lots one and two.

It is rumored that in the spring, the Youngs will build a planing mill on the lot immediately back of the Odd Fellow Hall, which was not included in the deal.

Messrs. Young will take offices in the Young Building on Center Street and will engage in general contracting.

WITNESS TELLS OF LIQUOR TANK CASE

New York, February 3.—Testimony as to the construction of tank cars for the shipment of liquor by rail from Chicago to New York, and as to the shipment of liquor from Halifax to Chicago by inland waterways was before a Federal court jury today.

Dewitt T. Turner and Cecil Kinder, Government witnesses, who admitted they were two of three principals of an international rum run, explained in the so-called Eker trial here yesterday the plans adopted in international liquor smuggling.

Turner said Kinder had told him cars had been built to resemble Standard Oil Company tank cars to carry liquor from New York to Chicago.

Kinder said he had been aboard the steamer Elma when that ship carried from Halifax to Chicago and that the vessel had been the property of a company, owned by himself, his brother, Charles Clifford Kinder, and Turner. The home of the brothers is in Chicago.

Mayor Henry Wissell and the chief of police of Edgewater, N. J., are included in 19 defendants in the Eker trial. Turner testified yesterday that he had paid \$22,500 to Mayor Wissell and had given him 505 case of liquor for permitting the steamer Eker to land a cargo of liquor at Edgewater.

Charles Clifford Kinder appeared unexpectedly yesterday, and pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge in the Eker case. Turner and Cecil Kinder had pleaded guilty previously. All three are under indictment in connection with the international liquor smuggling operations of the Elma.

LIONS HAVE LADIES' NIGHT WITH BENTON CLUB

Sikeston observed its monthly ladies' night, Thursday night, at Benton, the Lions and their wives and guests meeting in the Benton Community Hall with the Benton Club.

An indoor baseball game was a feature of the evening's entertainment. It was a case of slaughter of the innocent. The innocent were the Sikeston Lions. When the final fusillade of hits driven out by the Benton Club, was ended the score stood 31-5 in their favor and the Sikeston team began to give rueful thought to the 'morrow with its stiffened muscles and limbs.

Following the ball game, dinner was served in the basement; afterwards, dancing being enjoyed in the room above. The Sikeston orchestra furnished the music. Some sixty people made the trip from Sikeston and partook of the Benton Club's hospitality.

The early civilizations might not impress us if history had recorded their popular songs.—El Dorado Tribune.

If the marines could be landed sometimes to haul out of Central and South American republics the type of American business man that leads to war, it would give the United States a better setting in the eyes of the world. Yank them out and send them home where we can take care of them. Then we should read with less doubt and fear the increasingly frequent news. 'The Marines have landed'. Let them land on the right people, the people who bind the little nations in loans, and exploit them in commerce, and mislead them in industry. Let the marines be the agents of the American people and not a special police on behalf of the interests.—Henry Ford.

SIKESTON TEAMS WIN DOUBLEHEADER

Sikeston won a doubleheader basketball game from Caruthersville's basketekers, Friday night, the girls taking the opener, 27-14; the boys winning their 21-18 in a thrilling second half rally.

The girls game was a fast, clean game with the Sikeston girls having a sufficient edge to steadily work up a commanding lead. The entire team displayed an excellent brand of basketball, good teamwork, close guarding and spectacular basket shooting featuring the game. The Caruthersville team put up a good fight, but couldn't stand up to the pace set by their Sikeston opponents.

The boys' game was one that will be talked about for many a day! Sikeston got away to a slow start, Caruthersville scoring seven points before Sikeston counted and then running up the score to a 14-5 count in their favor as the half ended.

The second half, Sikeston showed an amazing reversal of form, close guarding holding the Caruthersville quintette to two field goals for the remainder of the game, while some accurate goal shooting on the part of Watson, Williams and Burris sent the Sikeston team out in front with a three point margin as the whistle ended the fray.

The game was fast and hard-fought, several players being evicted because of fouls occasioned by the eagerness with which both teams fought to keep possession of the ball.

These games were the last regularly scheduled home games of the season for the Sikeston teams. Friday, both teams go to Poplar Bluff. At Sikeston, the school broke even with the Bluff, the girls winning, the boys losing.

30 U. S. DRY AGENTS MOP UP CAIRO, ILL.

Cairo, Ill., February 3.—Thirty federal prohibition agents under Deputy Administrator John Madden of Springfield, made nineteen raids here today, arresting twenty persons and seizing quantities of liquor.

Beginning at 7 o'clock this morning, the agents worked swiftly and most of the raids were completed before the city was aware of the invasion.

Liquor was taken at most of the downtown establishments, which were visited first. As the dry agents worked toward outlying establishments no liquor was found, work evidently having been given by those who had been visited.

It was learned that under-cover agents, disguised as linesmen, had been purchasing liquor after the sleetstorm more than a week ago.

Most of those arrested had given bond tonight and will go before a federal grand jury in March. Warrants were issued for the arrests by Assistant District Attorney Ralph Lesemann of East St. Louis.

The raids today implicated nearly three-fourths of the saloons here. Tonight this city was said to be in the "driest" condition in several years.

LICKING BASKETBALL FANS THROW EGGS AT UMPIRE

During the baseball season it frequently happens for a dissatisfied crowd at a baseball game to mob the umpire, but it has been left to the basketball fans at Licking to show their disapproval of the referee and umpire of a basketball game played there Friday night. The game was won by Houston and following the game, a large crowd of angry Licking fans surrounded the Hotel, where Paul Fredericks, of the Springfield Teachers' College, and Elton Smith, of Drury College referee and umpire of the game were stopping. Smith made his escape by dashing for a car and returning to Springfield by way of Rolla. Fredericks remained with the Houston players in the hotel and about midnight left. When they got out of the hotel about 30 fans who were on guard, peppered the players and referee with eggs, stones, sticks and everything else they could find to throw. Several players were struck, but none of them seriously hurt.—Howell County Gazette.

The diamond-back terrapin, once so numerous in Chesapeake Bay, are nearly extinct. Although when they were plentiful they had little or no value, a single specimen today sells on the market for eight dollars.

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Poisoned alcohol may be all right for certain purposes, but not for drinking. Quite a few people in the land, and some of them men—and some of them who live in Sikeston—think anyone who takes a drink should die. If we believed in such a doctrine, we would go very slow about stating it in public. Some of the greatest temperance advocates we have, have men folks who take a drink of whiskey once in a while and oftener when they can get it. It would be a terrible thing for these poison howlers to have their husband or son brought home some time tied in a bow knot from poison administered through alcohol or whiskey. Education and practice of temperance may in time make the country dry, but we never expect to live long enough to see it.

A communication from J. R. Bell, one of our negro readers, printed this issue is further proof that farming conditions as they now exist are not only unsatisfactory to the white tenant farmer, but to the colored farmer as well. Failure of the landlords, Bell states, to permit the tenants to raise but a single crop and to provide means of keeping hogs and cows, is driving many of the best class of negro tenant from the country. His letter is well put and points out clearly the most prevalent deficiency of the present tenant farming system practiced in Southeast Missouri today.

What a shame! Not a naked shame though. It was a disappointed crowd who spent their good money and time to see the George White's Scandals at Cairo Sunday afternoon and evening. The girls, in their last exhibit, appeared in the "all-together", but this time the Purity League had them put on cheap white cotton tights much to the disappointment of those attending. We are glad we did not go, but feel especially sorry for Ed Crowe of Dexter, who was in Sikeston Sunday morning on his way to the Cape, so he said, but who, we believe, was headed for Cairo via Charleston to pick up Simon Loebe. Three dollars per ticket with other trimmings, not to see the show they paid to see, was a calamity.

Since the Christmas holidays the weather has been very unfavorable for farm work or outdoor work of any sort. It has been a deadener on trade among the merchants as well. It is enough to give one the mill-grubs. This cannot last always as we still have our big payrolls and people have to eat and have to wear clothes—a few at least. Some extraordinary bargains have been offered, but few in the country, could get to town to buy. Here's hoping for a spell of sunshine.

The British National anthem has been in use for nearly two centuries.

PRETTY CHEAP, MISSOURI

Missouri's appropriation for the National Guard for 1925-6 was \$250,000. It was wretchedly inadequate. Equipment deteriorated because there was no money for repairs and other essential supplies. The Guard was not quite starved out, but it might have been, perhaps, had not communities come to the relief of their local units and taken care of expenses which it was the State's obligation to meet.

Now the Budget Commission, after that experience, proposes to cut the appropriation for 1927-8 to \$150,000. The Guard cannot survive on that ration. It must either disband or skeletonize its organization.

The Baker administration's treatment of the National Guard is not merely shabby; it is indecent. The Budget Commission's present proposal is a parsimonious insult, with a death sentence attached. Missouri should either abolish her National Guard or maintain it properly. What would be a proper maintenance fund? Let us consult some of our neighbors. Illinois' appropriation is, in round numbers, \$2,500,000, for a personnel of 8748, or an amount per man of \$281.12. Iowa, white with the bones of dead banks and trembling with the crisis of its impoverished but embattled farmers, provides \$435,000 for her National Guard, at the rate of \$124.94 per guardsman. Minnesota's per capita appropriation is \$110.87; Kansas', \$94.19; Nebraska's, \$83.52; Oklahoma's, \$75.30. Impecunious Missouri, in the biennium just closed, contrived an individual dole of \$54.63 for her Guard, and now contemplates a further reduction.

We make an odious showing in this comparison. And there is more to our offending. We are welching on our economic duty to the Federal Government by failing to provide for the care of the \$5,000,000 worth of property she has given us. We are welching on the score of elemental patriotism, since the National Guard of Missouri and every other State is an indispensable reserve of our minimized regular army.

The Guard's estimate of the necessary appropriation for the next two years is \$380,000, or \$83.04 per man. That is less than one-third of Illinois' allowance, 40 per cent lower than Iowa's, substantially less than Minnesota's, cheaper than Kansas and Nebraska.

Isn't that cheap enough?—Post-Dispatch.

There are two ways of being happy. We may either diminish our wants or augment our means—either will do—the result is the same; and it is for each man to decide for himself, and do that which happens to be easiest. If you are idle or sick or poor, however hard it may be to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosperous or young or in good health, it may be easier for you to augment your means than to diminish your wants. But if you are wise, you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well; and if you are very wise you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.—Franklin.

A dog in Leicester, England, regularly visits a local motion picture show, jumping on a vacant seat in front and watching the performance until the close, when he jumps down and trots out again. He is never any trouble to the proprietor or visitors.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

By Floyd C. Shoemaker

Although the history of education in Missouri dates back over a century to the Spanish and French periods of possession, it was not until 1839, nineteen years after receiving statehood, that the great commonwealth had any semblance of a public school system. On the 11th of February of that year the famous Geyer Act establishing such a system was passed.

The state's first schools, which were confined to the larger towns, were private. The children were taught by either the French priest or private tutors, and their curriculum consisted of the most elementary subjects. The early settlers considered education as a function and duty of the family and not of the state. It was to them, a purely private affair. The early American settlers from the South, who began to emigrate into the state in the early nineteenth century, possessed the same opinion on education. They brought with them the idea of the private school—the academy—supported by those able to pay and attended by their children. The idea of free public education, which was relatively new then, was not acceptable to them.

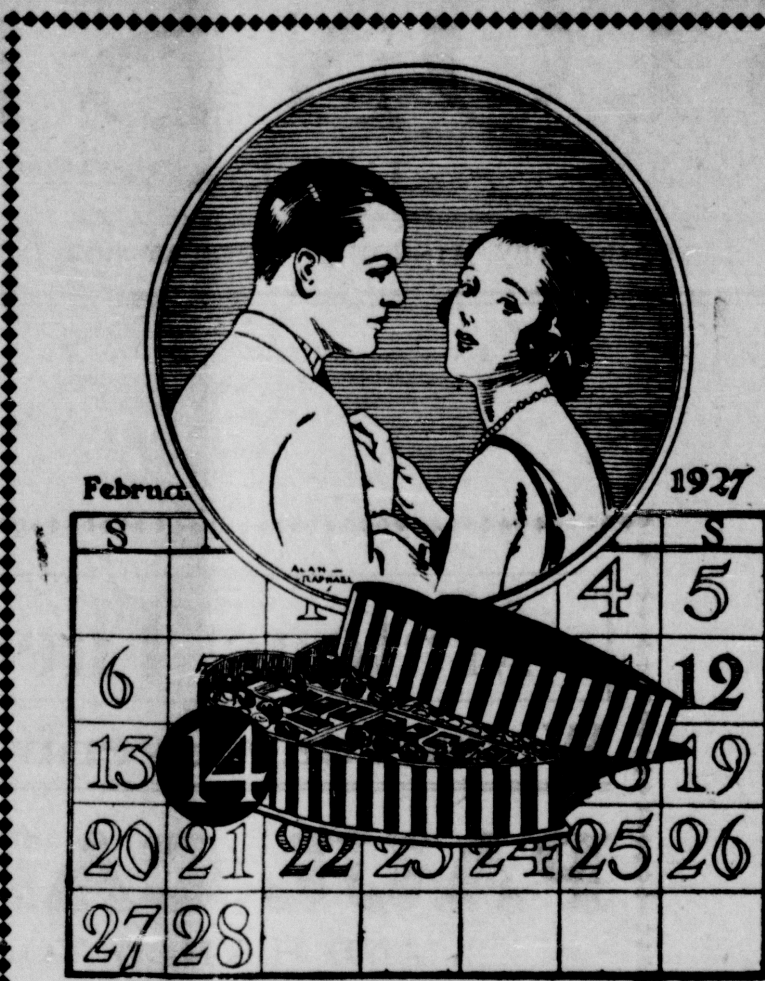
However, the state's first constitution incorporated the free education idea. The public school land and its income were to be preserved and one school in each township was to be established, but no specific system was created. As the state grew in population and the need for education increased, however, small groups of families formed themselves into a sort of voluntary association and organized subscription schools. School teachers were hired and paid by the families, each in proportion to the number of children they had enrolled. These schools seldom lasted over three months a year. They could be found until as late as the early forties.

But all this time the idea of free public education, supported by the state, was gaining adherents, and many efforts were made to realize it. Legislative acts of 182 and 1837 provided for the organization of school districts and the investment of school funds realized from the sale of public lands.

The great step in the realization of the idea, however, was made in 1839 with the passage of the Geyer Act. It may be said that Missouri's school system really had its origin in that act. The act transplanted to the state the educational system of Virginia as proposed by Thomas Jefferson. The scheme provided for elementary schools, academies and colleges, and a university at the head. It also created the office of state superintendent of schools and the permanent school fund.

Unfortunately for the cause of education, there were inadequate funds to carry out the plan, moreover, public opinion at that time was not such as to offer support and co-operation in the establishment of the scheme. Free public education for any except the poor was still considered by many as an expression of charity or as an unjust public expense. Some even refused to send their children to these schools.

In 1853 the school laws were thoroughly revised so as to create uniformity in course of study. By this time the public attitude had changed materially and schools were increasing in number and enrollment. Then came the Civil War. It threw the schools into chaos, many of them closing their doors until the war was over. It was not until after the war,



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"Daddy" Felker

when a number of the laws were adopted leading up to 1874 with the passage of the Revision Acts, that the schools were again placed on their feet. From that time on to the present, the idea of free public education has been attaining realization. The Geyer Act was drafted by Henry S. Geyer, regarded in his day as one of the most profound lawyers in the state. He was born in Maryland, but came to St. Louis in 1815 where he began the practice of law. He served several terms in the state legislature and a term in the United States senate. He was connected with the famous Dred Scott case. He died in 1859.

I READ IN THE PAPERS—

Under the heading, 'Academies, Universities and Schools', the more important French dailies give academic notices. Since there are no football or baseball teams, in default of such real news, the academic side of the universities and learned academies receives attention. In the newspapers announcement is made of important discoveries in science, of completed literary works, of honors conferred and of appointments made also of current lectures.

Recently at the University of Lyon the chair of Greek Language and Literature became vacant. By a decree of the ministry of public instruction this chair has been transformed into a chair of English Language and American Literature. The first incumbent of the newly created chair is Mlle. Villard, made titular professor.

Very modest are the claims of a Jewish rabbi of Montreal, who has just lodged before the privy council, supreme court of the British Empire, his claim to the ownership of Labrador. He says Labrador was given to his ancestor Joseph de la Penhe, wealthy Rotterdam merchant and shipper, by William III of England. During a storm at sea this 17th Century Penhe is said to have saved the monarch and several members of his family when the ship was wrecked. As a reward he says the king bestowed a charter upon him and his heirs whereby they became the owners of the great tract of 511,000 square miles. The claimant is Rev. Isaac de la Penhe, synagogue preceptor of the Sepharpi (Spanish and Portuguese Jews).

For twelve years Alvin Volberding, of Reinbeck, Iowa, was troubled with a continuous headache. While a soldier in the Philippines he had been kicked in the head by a horse. Doctors said he had an abscess of the brain and could not be cured. Recently the pain became unusually severe and upon blowing his nose vigorously he dislodged a piece of needle a half-inch in length which had become imbedded in his nose. The pain ceased immediately. The needle had been left in his head by the army surgeon who sewed up the wound left by the horseshoe.

There were Amazons in ancient times but they were not women. They were men who shaved and consequently looked like women to the bearded Greeks who first felt the sword at their hands. Archeologists have found representations of beardless men in the Hittite monuments on a plateau near the headwaters of the Sangarius River, the modern Sakaria, in Asia Minor. About 1250 B. C. the Hittites suffered reverses and no doubt thought this was due to their effeminate appearance. At any rate, from that date they shaved no more.

Reform of the calendar has proved too tough a problem even for the committee of the League of Nations

appointed to deal with it. After many months of study of the nearly 200 schemes of reform submitted to it, the committee came to the wise conclusion that the public opinion was not sufficiently ripe for any action under the auspices of the League. So the whole subject was referred back to the countries interested for further discussion.

Judging by the sources of the suggestions for calendar reform, France is more interested than either Germany or the United States, and far more than England, which had only five plans before the committee, as against 33 from France, 27 from this country and 24 from Germany.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

'My candle burns at both ends; It will not last the night; But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends It gives a lovely light!'

So wrote a frail little woman during an illness that darkened her life for months. She sought the solitudes of the great American desert of the Southwest. There she recovered her health and is now hard at work in the old Spanish city of Santa Fe, finishing her most ambitious effort, the libretto of The King's Henchman, an opera with music by Deems Taylor. She is Edna St. Vincent Millay, who under the name of Nancy Boyd is also known as a satirical essayist.

'A man's mind is his kingdom', is an excellent Scottish saying. This old adage is again brought to mind by the sale of Robert Burns' letter to his younger brother, William, containing general advice concerning garrulity. Walter M. Hill, of New York, is the purchaser. It was part of the autograph and document collection of the late John H. Gundlach and brought \$850. Burns advised his brother in part: 'What mischiefs daily arise from silly garrulity or foolish confidence! There is an excellent Scottish saying, that "a man's mind is his kingdom". It is certainly so; but how few can govern that kingdom with propriety.'

Somehow we always visioned Benjamin Franklin as a quiet, retiring old fellow given over to bookishness and the making of proverbs; one who would fit in nicely in front of a cozy hearth fire with a cat beside his rocking chair, or in a French court bowing and working his way into diplomatic circles. We are surprised to learn that he was a hardy, outdoor man and an expert swimmer. On one occasion he swam for four miles in the Thames at London, performing many feats of activity, both in diving and swimming. In fact, he won such a reputation as a swimmer that at one time he thought seriously of becoming a teacher of swimming. At forty he swam for two hours at a stretch. And in the print shop he astonished his fellow workers by carrying two forms of type to their one. In short, he was an all-round man in every respect.

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a bit of bad liquor and foraged on. Japanese scientists suggested the importation of the high-power enemy insects—two wasps and a fly. The wasps went to work with a will and soon cleaned up the beetles in the vicinity of Riverton, New Jersey. The wasu burrows into the ground and stings the grubs of the Japanese beetle. In each sting it lays one egg. The grub is paralyzed temporarily but soon resumes feeding and recovers. The wasp egg hatches out inside the beetle grub and the tiny wasp grub feeds on the living tissues of the beetle larva, eventually killing it. So that's that.

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Caruthersville, February 3.—Why the "boot" in Southeast Missouri is a question that has been asked by many. Comparatively few know the correct answer.

In the southeast corner of the State, the "boot" extends down into Arkansas for about 50 miles, and Missouri owns and controls that section, which many say rightfully belongs to Arkansas, with its nearly 2000 square miles of fertile farming land and 85,000 population.

The question has been discussed in the schools of South Missouri and North Arkansas. In fact, efforts were made a few years ago by several Arkansas Legislators to purchase that part of Missouri.

If the south line of Missouri was directly across to the Mississippi River, it would cut off the majority of Dunklin County, all of Pemiscot and a part of the south end of New Madrid. The line would cross the Mississippi at a point near Hickman, Kentucky.

The reason such is not Missouri's southern boundary has been explained fully with the production of a newspaper clipping made from a speech of the late Senator G. W. Carleton. The clipping is owned by Dr. Walter B. Garrett of Caruthersville. Senator Carleton was a prominent figure in Southeast Missouri in the early days and was widely known throughout the State. The clipping, which is highly valued by Dr. Garrett, is yellow with age and was probably taken from one of the first papers in this section of the country. The extract from Carleton's address follows:

"John Walker, at the time of the earthquake of 1811 and 1812, owned an extensive plantation near the town of Caruthersville, in Pemiscot County. The place was called 'Little Prairie'. It was a considerable village in 1811 and a few years before was a Spanish fort.

"Col. Walker owned immense herds of stock, was a man of more than ordinary ability, well informed upon all matters of public interest and in fact was a leader of the people. At the time all that country was known as Missouri territory.

"It was a great trading post. An immense trading was carried on between the French and Spanish settlers at New Madrid, and the various

**NEW MADRID MAN
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C. H. Penning of Tallapoosa, New Madrid county, has a new invention that people declare is the last word in labor saving. It is a brush stacker, and is used by Penning in clearing land.

The stacker is built on the principle of the overshot hay stacker and will pile anything that two horses can pull on it, and of any length. It throws the brush onto a pile and is said to have reduced very materially his cost of clearing land.

types of immigrants in Southeast Missouri and Western Tennessee. New Madrid claimed to exercise jurisdiction over the territory as far south as Pemiscot Bayou, which runs into the Mississippi River about three miles south of the present boundary line between Missouri and Arkansas. Colonel Walker owed allegiance to the Territory of Missouri, as the laws were administered by the authorities at New Madrid.

"When Missouri applied for admission into the Union, the parallel of 36 degrees, 36 minutes, north latitude, was suggested as the south boundary line of the new State. Col. Walker knew that if this line was adopted, he would be left in an unorganized territory as the line crossed the Mississippi River north of his holdings. He wielded his influence to change it. He interviewed the commissioners, or persons selected to define the boundary lines of the States, and so eloquently did he plead his case that the commissioners agreed to take Col. Walker into the State of Missouri, and to that end it was agreed that the southern boundary line of the State should be defined as set out in the act of admission, approved March 6, 1820, that portion concerning the offset reading as follows:

"Beginning in the middle of the Mississippi River, on a parallel of 36 degrees, north latitude, thence west along that parallel of latitude to the St. Francis River, thence from the channel of the river there to the parallel of latitude 36 degrees, 36 minutes, thence west."

"To Col. J. H. Walker, who died in Pemiscot County in 1859, belongs the honor of securing to Missouri the 'jog' which comprises the counties of Dunklin and Pemiscot. Walker gave me the information about a year before his death. It was corroborated by several old people who lived in that part of the territory and were there at the time of the admission into the Union.

"I think this information will explain the 'jog' in our south boundary line. (Signed) George W. Carleton.

Correct attire for the new Senator from Illinois when applying for admission seems to call for a couple of sliding pads.—Detroit News.

**NEGRO SPEAKS IN
BEHALF OF HIS RACE**

Editor Skeston Standard,

Dear Sir:

Please give space in your paper for these few words. I have been thinking about my people, how they are leaving Southeast Missouri and I once thought it a sad thing to see them go.

"And I began to watch to see who they are that are so eager to leave Southeast Missouri. And I find that they are the trash gang generally, for they do not fit Missouri. They are men of a dependent mind, men that have always had someone to provide for them. You will do well to let that type of fellow go for he is only looking for a furnish and does not care whether he pays his debts or not. And if you fail to furnish him twelve months, he will give you a bad name. He does not know that he owes and cares less than he knows. But will tell the people that you took his crop.

"Now if you lose sight of that trash class and render it possible for those of us to stay that are willing to suffer with you, it may be better for both concerned at harvesting time.

"And that you can do if you will allow the tenant to plant together with the cotton crop, some corn and potatoes and keep hogs enough for meat and not less than one cow, for milk is a cheap and wholesome food. Now when you fail to do this, you are driving us away from you. There are some of us who have labored with others to settle them in Southeast Missouri. For the good white people have done so much for us the short time we have been here in building schools for the education of our children that we will always remember you for it.

"And we really love old Imperial Missouri and there are yet some of us that have planned to stay here and prove to the good white people of Southeast Missouri that we appreciate what they have done for us and especially Scott County. We feel grateful to you for what you have done for us. And we will try to prove to you in the future to be men and not boys.

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**GERMANY IN STRONG
STRATEGIC POSITION**

Paris, February 3.—Military critics here point out that the new agreement on German fortifications leaves Germany in a strong strategic position for an eventual attack on Poland.

The World War showed that the only worthwhile fortifications in modern warfare are field fortifications based on a system of concrete shelters at tactical points. Since the war Germany has constructed a whole series of such shelters near the Polish frontier. Germany claims these are wholly defensive but the military critics point out that the shelters are so arranged as to protect Germany's war-time communications across east Prussia with her ally, Russia, and Germany and Russia between them could hold Poland as in a vise.

Under the new management Germany is allowed to keep 46 of her 68 shelters in East Prussia and eight of 20 in the Oder Valley. Henceforth, moreover, it is the League of Nations instead of the Interallied Military Control Commission which will oversee the carrying out of the German disarmament clauses of the Versailles treaty.

French opinion accepts these decisions, but not because it thinks Germany has really disarmed or that Germany harbors no intentions of ultimate belligerency. The truth is simply that the people here have lost all faith in the possibility of forcing Germany to disarm against her will. The reactionary color of the new German Government as well as the insistence of German delegates that they have new fortifications on the German-Polish frontier are viewed as clear indications of Germany's intentions, respecting Poland.

Nevertheless, France is not seriously alarmed. The Rhineland is still occupied. Defensive alliances have been signed with Poland, Belgium, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. Finally there are the League of Nations and the Locarno treaties. This combination of military and moral guarantees is a much surer safeguard against war, it is felt, than the arduous and probably impossible task of trying to keep Germany disarmed.

How the High-Pressure Man Thinks

How a high-pressure sales expert's mind works was strikingly revealed at Detroit Tuesday. Norval A. Hawkins was on the stand in the Ford suit. Hawkins was Ford's sales manager for years. He later became a \$150,000-a-year man with another automobile company.

Hawkins was describing the benefits of the assembly plant idea. Instead of assembling cars at the home factory, Ford conceived the idea of shipping the parts to key points throughout the country and having them put together at or near the place of delivery to the ultimate purchaser.

It takes 100 box cars to ship 600 assembled Fords. Under the assembly plan, 600 Fords can be shipped in 22 cars. "Paradoxical as it may seem," said Hawkins, "everybody made a profit on this plan."

He pointed out that it releases 72 cars to the railroads, to be used for other business. The branch plant charges the dealer \$4 for every as-

INDIGESTION

North Carolina Lady Says She Had An Awful Time With Indigestion, Till She Took Black-Draught.

Pilot Mountain, N. C.—"For several years I suffered with a bad case of chronic indigestion," says Mrs. Sam C. Inman, of this place. "I had bad spells with my stomach. At times I had severe pains in my right side. My stomach would get upset and I would have an awful time. It seemed like everything I ate disagreed with me. I was in pretty bad shape.

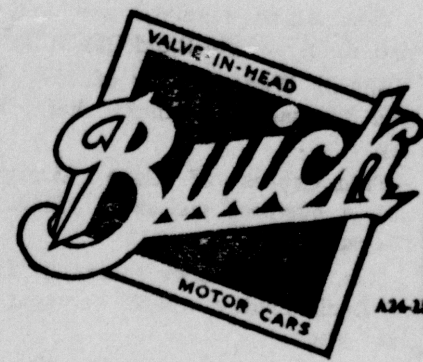
"My husband had been using Thedford's Black-Draught for some time for indigestion. He had spells of it too, so he suggested that I try Black-Draught. I took some from his box, just to see if it would help me, and I found it was the very thing for my trouble. It did me a great deal of good. My condition was brought on by a chronic case of constipation and, by getting relief from this, I found my general health was much better.

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sembled car, which represents a net to the man who foots the bill is profit of \$10. Finally, the retailer ably what makes Hawkins a leading charges the buyer the actual freight light in the high-pressure dom.—rate for an assembled car, shipped Kansas City Post.

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Join the Marines and get a view of Nicaragua.—Boston Globe.

The bear in the Edinburgh Zoo that devoured a bag containing fifty pounds in treasury notes has become an object of morbid interest to crowds of Scottish sight-seers.—Punch.

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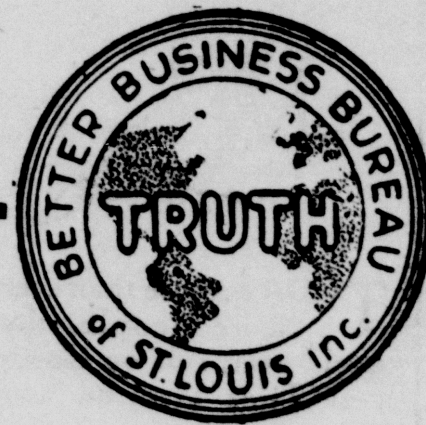
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Local and Personal

Silkworms have an active enemy in mice.

Harry Hunter of Morehouse was in Sikeston last Friday.

Mrs. Alpha Jennings and son are visiting Mrs. Lyle Randolph in Steele. Sheriff Wade Tucker of New Madrid transacted business here, Friday.

Fred Groves of Cape Girardeau was a business visitor in Sikeston, Thursday.

Mrs. C. S. Tanner returned from St. Louis Friday, where she spent the past week.

Mrs. T. A. Slack was called to Venita, Okla., last Friday by the illness of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baty of Oran were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. McFarland in Cairo, Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Daughtrey visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams near Morehouse, Sunday.

Miss Janet Chilton of Caruthersville was the guest of Miss Ford Bowman last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith of Malden spent Sunday in Sikeston with the latter's mother, Mrs. Kluge.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Earl Malone and Mrs. J. M. Pitman drove to Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

Mrs. Eliza Clark of Morley and Miss Norma Douglas of Oran visited Mrs. Clarence C. Cummins the past week.

Miss Virginia Freeman had Misses Dorothy Ward and Lorraine Kersey of Caruthersville as her guests over Sunday.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baker, who has been ill with pneumonia, is much improved at present.

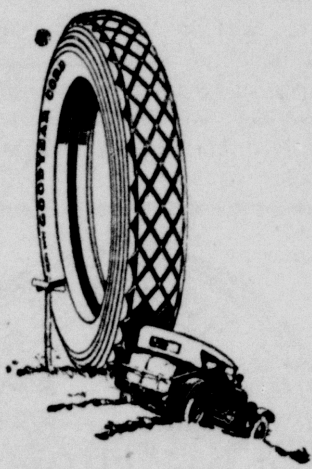
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips of New Madrid were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wyatt of Charleston drove to Sikeston Thursday evening to visit their daughter, Mrs. Steve Schreff.

Mrs. Clarence C. Cummins and two children and Miss Anna Douglas were guests of relatives in Morley a few days last week.

C. O. Williams has been transferred from the Kroger Store in Caruthersville to one of the Kroger stores in this city, Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Anderson and son, Percy Anderson drove to Malden Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson.



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MRS. PEARLEE EDWARDS

Mrs. Pearlee Edwards, for the past three years a resident of Sikeston, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cora Williams, in Bloomfield, on last Wednesday. She had been suffering from heart trouble for some time.

Mrs. Edwards was born in East Tennessee September 7, 1860, moving with her family to Missouri at the age of 13, making her home since that time, with the exception of the three years at Sikeston, in the Bloomfield neighborhood. Funeral services were held at the Mount Zion Baptist church, Thursday afternoon at 2:30, interment taking place in the church cemetery at that place.

Besides her father, J. F. Aslin of Bloomfield, Mrs. Edwards is survived by five sons, J. P., of Louisiana, and W. C., S. E., A. F., and V. I. of Sikeston and three daughters, Mrs. J. L. Poe, Mrs. J. F. McCollom and Mrs. Alex Mooney of Bloomfield.

C. E. Clowe and Carleton Clowe of Dexter were visitors in Sikeston, on Monday.

Edwin Porter of Piggott, Ark., visited his niece, Mrs. Henry Bolden, last week.

O. E. Latham and family spent Sunday in Dexter with Mrs. Latham's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schreff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sayers Tanner, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, who have been in North Missouri the past month, returned to Sikeston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schreff were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wyatt, in Charleston, over Sunday.

Miss Mary Emma Baldwin of Caruthersville was the guest of Miss Louise Shields Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loebe of Birmingham, Ala., arrived Sunday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bowman and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven Watkins and children spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Louis Watkins, near Vanduser.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall were down from Cape Girardeau on Sunday to spend the day with Mrs. Florence Marshall and Miss Kate Austin.

Chas. Dorroh of Caruthersville was in Sikeston for a short while Monday. He had been to Dexter for a visit with his wife and that wonderful boy baby.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Waggoner and daughter, Jeannette, and Herman Banks of Oran and Mollie Friedman of East Prairie and Bill Segal of Portageville were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert, Sunday.

Reuben Coleman recently took a couple of truck loads of colored cotton negroes back to lower Mississippi, where they will work with their white folks and try to get rich and be satisfied. Reub said farmers were plowing and planting and if he had his family with him would have been tempted to remain down there.



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IN MY WAY

By Warren T. Kingsbury

A wonderful day. No wonder the red bird, perched high in a nearby tree, sings at the top of his voice. To me it sounds like he is calling, "Theodore! Theodore! Theodore!" Or perhaps it is "What a day! What a day!" A glad song at that.

They tell an amusing story on an doctor down at Campbell. He was called out to attend an old darkey, about 11 miles down in the swamp so he got into his Ford, drove as far as he could, left his car and walked a mile to the negro cabin. There he found the darkey lying on the bed, his wife rocking back and forth in a chair by his side, moaning and groaning. The old negro seemed in a bad way. He was gasping and choking and it looked like every gasp would be his last. The doctor shook his head, thinking it a hopeless case, but took out his medicine bag, mixed a little medicine and left it with the negro mammy to administer ever so often.

It never occurred to him that the negro would get well, so two weeks later, as he was sitting in his office, reading a paper, he was very much surprised to hear a creaky old voice speak out "Howdy, howdy, Mistuh White Folks doctuh".

He looked up and saw the old darkey, almost bent double, leaning on a cane and peering up at him with a toothless grin. "Why uncle", he said, "I thought sure you were dead." "No suh! No suh", he grinned. "I didn't take that medicine you gave me, Mistuh White Folks doctuh".

And a negro revival story. Somehow the revival didn't seem to be making the progress which the pastor deemed it should and so he went out amongst his congregation and conducted a little investigation of his own. He found that there was a great deal of dissent, especially among the married people of his flock which kept his people worked up and quarreling amongst themselves. So, the next Sunday, he took as he sermon the subject, "Peace and Harmony".

"Bruders and sisters", he said, "You am sinners in de sight ob de Lord. Heah, you is—one man wid one wife and one wife wid one husband (leastwise that's all you's supposed to have, 'ording to de law ob de lan) and you can't keep from quarrelin' and fightin' 'mongst yohselves. You is 'sinnahs, I tells you. Sinnahs cause youse violated de laws ob peace and harmony ob de matrimonial state. Just look at dat great king, de wisest man what ebber lived, Solomon de Wise. Dah was a man. Why dat man Solomon had a thousand wives and does you read one word in de Bible about Solomon, quarreling and fighting wid his wives? No suh; you does not. Ain't you ashamed of yohselves. Heah you is wid one wife and a quarrelin' and a fightin' all ob de time. But moh dan dis. Dat man Solomon not only had a thousand wives, but he had two thousand concubines and—"

Here one of the old deacons rose to to his feet and spoke. "Bredder Johnson", he said, "I hates to inrupt you, but I speaks for de enlightenment ob de congregation. Jest what does you mean by dat w'd concubines?" "Why brudder Jones", the pastor said, "dat w'd concubine—it am de old Hebrewic w'd meaning 'stenographer'."

Origin of talking rock, in Pickens County, Georgia, was as follows: A rock was found with the words, "Turn me over" painted on one side, and on the other side was painted, "Now turn me back and let me fool somebody else."

GETTING UP NIGHTS
For Bladder Relief Is Natures Danger Signal. Columbus Minister's Wife Relates Experience.

Rev. W. H. Mitchell, 824 No. Park St., Columbus, Ohio, says: "My wife was troubled seriously with bladder irritation until we used lithiated buchu (Keller Formula.) She would have to get up 6 to 8 times each night. Will gladly answer any letter."

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A GREATER TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR MISSOURI



WHAT "SERVICE" MEANS To SWITCHBOARD GIRLS

"What I Did Today" Stories
Tell of Helpful Deeds
of Telephone
Operators

For the past four years telephone operators throughout Missouri have been reporting acts of courtesy, kindness, and helpfulness extended by them in the ordinary course of duty. This practice is called the "What I Did Today" plan. Some of the incidents are selected each month and printed on small cards. These cards are forwarded to every central office in Missouri and displayed on bulletin boards.

This plan has been an inspiration to telephone people and has resulted in carrying the spirit of service even beyond the ordinary call of duty. The following incidents, selected at random from hundreds reported by telephone operators in Missouri are published to indicate the scope of these voluntary activities.

Locates Injured Boy's Grandmother

"I answered an information call from St. John's Hospital. They said a little boy had been run over by an automobile, was very badly hurt, and they wished to notify his grandmother who lived at 911 St. Louis Street. There was no telephone at that address, and they knew no names of the parties living near. I obtained the nearest number from the city directory and they called the grandmother to the telephone. After they had finished talking, the lady from the hospital called in and thanked me very much."

JESSIE BLANKENSHIP,
Springfield, Missouri.

Sends Timely Aid

"One morning an operator referred a call to me and as I listened I finally heard someone groan, 'Oh, if I could only die.' I found that the voice had come over a party line and immediately called the other station. I asked the woman who answered if she knew of anyone living near her who was ill. She did, and after I explained the circumstances went right over to see what was wrong. Later she called in and said that a woman who was not expected to live had been left alone for a few minutes and had fallen out of bed."

LINA PAYNE,
Joplin, Missouri.

Helps Destitute Family

"One night about 10:30, a little boy asked me to call a doctor because his mother was very ill. I had to call several doctors before I found one that was willing to go. I later made inquiries and found a large family very much in need of help, the more so because of the illness of the mother, who was the only support. The girls at the toll office sent the family a basket of food. The woman was very much pleased and thanked me for what I had done, and expressed her appreciation to the girls for their kindness."

VERA BRADLEY,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Saves Loss by Fire

"One morning about three o'clock a lady on a rural line called in and said her house was burning and asked me to help her notify her nearest neighbors. I called several neighbors who reached her home in time to prevent a total loss. The lady called in the next day and thanked the chief operator for the service."

ONA LEE MILLER,
Sedalia, Missouri.

THE MESSAGE MUST GO THROUGH

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. Betty Friemiller of Canolou spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Thelma Mocabee.

J. W. Ogle and daughter, Helen, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Edwards.

J. W. Sarff and family motored to Cape Girardeau, Saturday evening to visit Max Sarff and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ogle drove to Farmington Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ogle remained to visit her parents for a few days.

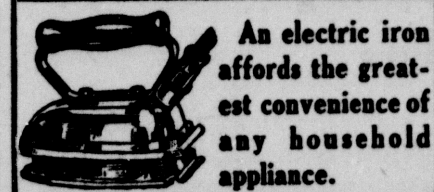
The Morehouse boys beat Charleston 31-16, Friday night. Charleston took the lead and were tied at the end of the half. In the third quarter the Morehouse boys came into their own and walked away with the score. Tallies were as follows: Averett 16, Stanly 2, Chester Sarff 3, Jefferson Sarff 2, Caldwell 8.

The Morehouse girls defeated the Charleston girls 19-18. The game was nip and tuck throughout—a very close and interesting game. Morehouse tallies were: Maggie Porter 9, Elizabeth Todd 10. Substitutions were: Gertrude Crumpecker for Nellie Reynolds, Nellie Reynolds for M. Warner, M. F. Harrison for J. Towery.

The Morehouse Shipping Association disbursed twenty dollars in dividends to the shippers of 1926, Saturday.

The Watson-Zillmer stores are said to be planning a chain of stores in Southeast Missouri.

An instrument called a dendrograph has been invented by which a tree can write its own diary.



Rheumatism

While in France with the American Army I obtained a noted French prescription for the treatment of Rheumatism and Neuritis. I have given this to thousands with wonderful results. The prescription cost me nothing. I ask nothing for it. I will mail it if you will send me your address. A postal will bring it. Write today.

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